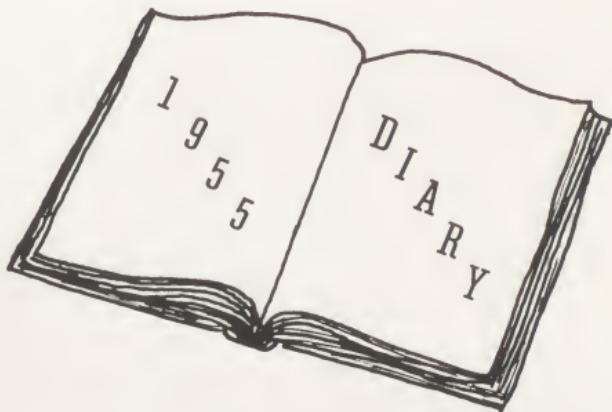


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WE, THE STAFF, WISH TO THANK MRS. HILDA E. CHAPMAN FOR HER CO-OPERATION AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP US, BOTH IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN OUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. HER AMBITION AND UNDERSTANDING HAVE HELPED US IN MANY WAYS AND ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY EVERY ONE. TO YOU, MRS. CHAPMAN, WE WISH TO DEDICATE THIS, OUR 1955 EDISONIAN, AS A SYMBOL OF OUR GRATITUDE.



MR. EDWARD NELSON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 1, 1954, WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED WITH RESPECT AND ADMIRATION BY THE FACULTY AS WELL AS THE STUDENTS. HE RENDERED RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE DURING HIS THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AS ENGINEER OF CENTRAL AND EDISON SCHOOLS.



*Dear Diary:*

Looking back over this year, our last year, at Edison, we have many pleasant memories. Wanting never to forget them, we have tried to relive the year in picture and in word.

School started on September 3, registration day. Classes were assigned, teachers were introduced, and study was begun.

EDITOR.



As we, the students, entered the building on September 3, 1954, as well as from day to day throughout the school year, we were greeted by our teachers who guided our learning, sports, and activities.





From day to day we were given the opportunity to pursue according to our aptitudes the various fields of learning such as English, Spanish, Latin, social studies, mathematics, science, business education, industrial arts, home economics, art, music, and physical education as they applied to the course of our choice. Some took the college preparatory course; some, business education; others, industrial arts; still others, home economics; and the rest, the general course.





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The Old Familiar Study Hall

*Sweet Shop Student Manager*  
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*Our Principal*  
**Claude P. Roos**

*Our Principal's Office Clerk*  
**Joanne Dreyovich Mucha**





*Our Superintendent*  
Virgil L. Bailey

*Our Superintendent's Office Clerk*  
Ruth Burchardt Claussen



## CHANGE IN LOCATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

During the first two months of school, we had the privilege of having our superintendent's office in its original location on the third floor above the north stairway in Edison Building where Mr. Virgil L. Bailey, former principal of Edison High School, set up his office as the first superintendent of East Gary Schools in the fall of 1935.

Following the first few days of November, Mr. Bailey moved his office to a larger office in the Eastside School Building. We have missed Mr. Bailey's presence as in former years, but many changes have been made as Edison's enrollment has grown since Mr. Bailey came to Edison twenty-two years ago.

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## OUR APPRECIATION TO OUR ADMINISTRATION

As we entered the halls of Edison from day to day to attend our regular classes, we did not see the members of the Board of Education who met regularly twice a month to attend to their administrative duties.

To the members of the Board of Education, Mr. Bailey, our superintendent, and Mr. Roos, our principal, we are deeply grateful for their untiring efforts to provide the best of educational facilities possible with the means provided by available tax funds.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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John Nichaus



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*Dear Diary:*

The brains, the athletes, and the socialites—these we remember as our classmates and friends.

This year there were 115 freshmen, 107 sophomores, 95 juniors, and 65 seniors—a total of 382 teenagers studying, cheering, and laughing together in the classrooms, at the ball games, and during the dances.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

## Freshmen



Thomas Walsh

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*Representatives:*

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Janice Johnston

Howard Jones

Hiram Kaiser

Kathleen Kulavik

Michael Lyman

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## Freshmen

Donald McClaran  
James McDaniel  
Val Gene McGuire  
John Miller  
William Mills  
Arveta Miskimins



David Mize  
Larry Mockaitis  
Roy Moore  
John Mosak  
William Muldown  
Richard Mumaw



Erin Murray  
Shirley Murphy  
Virginia Newman  
Gail Parkhurst  
Russell Penzato  
Richard Picon



Elizabeth Poe  
William Poffnabarger  
Arnetta Kafferty  
Linda Sue Robertson  
Joseph Rossi  
Darlene Saddler



Peter Sarkotich  
Naomi Schaefer  
Nancy Schavey  
Harold Schmelzer  
Betty Serles  
Karen Silverthorn



Ronald Skeen  
Brenda Statum  
Sandra Stetler  
John Stonehouse  
Charlene Strong  
Ralph Strong



Anthony Tamalunas  
James Taylor  
Jo Ann Taylor  
Joan Vickrey  
Orrin Walley  
Nancy Warren



Charles Watts  
Joyce Webdell  
Margaret Weber  
Faith Wells  
Judith Wesley  
Frd Williamson



William Winegar  
Thelma Wineinger  
Patricia Zajac  
Joseph Zellers  
Jerry Zinkovich  
Larry Zinkovich





The freshmen candidates for queen and king, Darlene Saddler and Emil Conde, were crowned by Alberta Nagy and Carl Jablonski, last year's queen and king of the annual P. T. A. Carnival on November 20.

Each class and each organization had the privilege of sponsoring one dance during the school year.



## Sophomores

Bernard Halaschak

*President*

William Smith

*Vice President*

Mary Muldoon

*Secretary*

Shirley Ann Walker

*Treasurer*

*Student Council*

*Representatives:*

John Smith

Joyce Follow



Lyndel Adams

Carole Ahern

Barbara Alexander

Dolores Alofa

Jacqueline Amstein

Paul Anderson

Frederick Armenth

Leon Bartos

Elaine Bennett

Frances Bentley

Terry Bishop

Frank Bogdon

Ray Boylan

Johnye Broadway

Carol Brown

Wayne Brown

Michael Byrne

Judith Calbetzor

Richard Chantos

Larry Choka

Thomas Clark

Marvin Cline

Kenneth Clinang

Frances Dayberry

Richard Dayberry

Margaret Downs

Beverly Draves

Janet Evolga

William Gleason

George Glick

Angela Glorioso

Betty Greer

Cletus Hagan

William Halaschak

Daryl Hoyt

Carolyn Huckabee

Herman Jacobson

Jeanne Jahn

Dennis Johnson

Verle Jones

Kathleen Kadish

Judith Kersey

William Kerwin

Penelope Kettering

Judith Keyak

Ronald Kingery

Eva Kiraly

Gerald Klimezyk

## Sophomores



Romane Klisz  
Darlene Kolosci  
Michael Kozak  
Steve Kozak  
Richard Lambert  
Leo Loden

Diane Marovich  
Marjorie Mattie  
Carol Maurer  
Phyllis Maurer  
John Maza  
Kent McDonald

Lois McEwan  
John Meitzler  
Charles Melton  
Janice Michaels  
Truman Miller  
James Mills

Robert Muraco  
Dolores Myers  
Mary Najar  
Paula Niehaus  
Carolyn O'Kelly  
Emanuel Orlich

Leo Parkhurst  
Marguerite Patterson  
Eva Peek  
Richard Pefley  
Margaret Pendergrast  
Lawrence Petruzzelli

Jacqueline Pocialik  
Betty Przybysz  
Steven Pundrich  
Ronald Rafferty  
Frances Ritcheson  
June Robertson

Harry Robinson  
Marjorie Schavcy  
Carol Schleff  
Peggy Scott  
Linda Smith  
Lawrence Snopel

Gordon Taylor  
Ruth Thompson  
Elizabeth Todd  
Mary Tsacoumangos  
Janet Trece  
James Turner

LeRoy Webdell  
John Wells  
Rita Werner  
Judith Wignall

## Juniors

Michael Wagner  
President

David Remijan  
Vice President

Barbara Bottila  
Secretary

Sandra Berg  
Treasurer



*Student Council  
Representatives:*

Kathryne Pappas

Lloyd Wagner

David Arrenson

Joseph Beverly

Larry Blue



Robert Boznak

John Bright

Patricia Brown

Robert Brown

Russell Byrum



Angelina Castro

Tony Christakis

Charles Clemens

Albert Crider

Martha Cruikshank



Joyce Cunningham

Edward Dawson

Rita Drake

Robert Fazekas

Cecil Foltz



Lela Ford

Daniel Fronczak

Judith Gardner

Ruth Garzella

Robert Gilmore



Charles Gilmore

David Hardt

Karen Havrilesko

Carolann Hiller

Thomas Hodge



## Juniors



Raymond Houck  
Dean Howell  
Patsy Huckabee  
Charles Ivlow  
Alan Jackson



Paul Jarabek  
Arlene Johnston  
Catherine Kaiser  
Demetria Kappos  
George Kasarda



Shirley Keele  
Shirley Kersey  
Nancy King  
Ernest Kingery  
Marcia Klempa



Catherine Lopez  
Rosalie Marovich  
Carolyn Mattie  
Shirley Mattingly  
Eunice Maxwell



William Maxwell  
Thomas Meister  
Herman Miller  
Darlene Mitchell  
Leona Mock



Frank Mockaitis  
Lee Morrison  
George Morikis  
Judith Mosaic  
Patricia McArdle



Robert McDonald  
Sharon McKinney  
Ronald Mumaw  
Alberta Nagy  
Sandra Owens

## Juniors

Steven Pahos  
Shirley Pelton  
Lorne Rearick  
Bonita Rentz  
Kenneth Roberts



Bert Rhynearson  
Robert Sematick  
Betty Schmelzer  
Laura Smith  
Jeanette Snell



William Sonntag  
LaVonne Spence  
Kendall Spencer  
Dorothy Thompson  
Charles Tomaga



Toni Tucker  
Paul Vizena  
Charles Warren  
John Wells  
Larry White



Gary Whittlege  
Violet Wineinger  
Marianne Zieba  
Darlene Zinkovich



Last fall, the Class of '56 was the largest junior class to enter Edison High School. The members of the class were proud to be upper classmen and began the year by electing their officers and representatives of the Student Council. Following the selection of the insignia of their class ring early in the semester, the rings actually arrived on December 6. Their class dance was held on March 4.

The biggest and final event of the year for the juniors was the Prom, which they gave in honor of the seniors, in Marquette Park Pavilion on May 12.

All year, the juniors worked faithfully with one goal in mind, which was the earning of a sufficient number of credits to become seniors next year—their final year of high school.



## JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM



Marquette Park Pavilion

Fred Robert's Orchestra

Theme—"Blue Moon"

Date—May 12      Time—8:00-11:00 p.m.



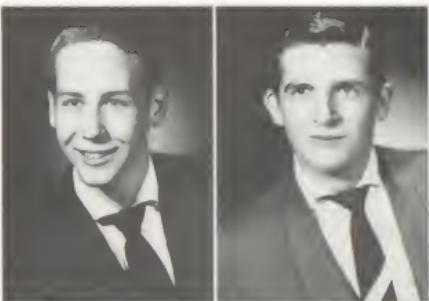
## SENIORS

### Fred Urbanek

Senior President, Junior Vice-President, Student Vice-President, E-Men's Club, Varsity B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track, Cross Country.

### Gary L. King

Senior Vice-President, F. T. A., Hi-Y, Booster Club.



### Carol Ann Thorgren

Senior Secretary, Sunshine Society, Booster Club, *Eagle Feathers* Editor, *Edisonian* Staff, B-Team Cheerleader.

### Guy B. Everett

Senior Treasurer, Student Council, Science Club, E-Men's Club, Band, Dance Band, Pep Band, Brass Sextet, Football, Track.



### Frank R. Aloia

Junior Play, F. T. A., Science Club, Hi-Y, Booster Club, E-Men's Club, Choir, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track.

### Bruce L. Bailey

M. M. M., Science Club, Band, Brass Sextet, Pep Band, Dance Band, *Edisonian* Student Photographer, Freshman Basketball, Track, Sweet Shop Manager.



### Peggy Barker

Student Council, Sunshine Society, G. A. A., F. T. A., M. M. M., Booster Club, Choir, Girls' Chorus, Senior Ensemble, Senior Quartet, *Edisonian* Staff, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

### Jerry Barnes

Hi-Y, Booster Club, E-Men's Club, Football, Track.



## SENIORS



### Robert C. Bendfelt

F. T. A., E-Men's Club, Varsity Basketball.

### Beverly Ann Berg

Junior Play, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, F. T. A., M. M. M., Band Secretary, Pep Band, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

### Richard Bloomquist

F. T. A.

### Paul H. Blue

E-Men's Club, Reserve Football, Varsity Basketball, Track, Cross Country.

### Nancee Bogdon

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., Booster Club.

### Nellie Bright

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, M. M. M., Choir, Girls' Chorus, Senior Ensemble, Library Assistant.

### Carol Broadway

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., Booster Club, Majorette, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

### Phyllis Bumbera

Sophomore Secretary, Junior Play, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh Treasurer, G. A. A. Secretary, Booster Club Vice-President, Band, Clarinet Quartet and Duet, *Edisonian* Associate Editor, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Cheerleader, P. T. A., Carnival Queen.

## SENIORS

**Gloria Castro**

Student Council, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh,  
G. A. A. President, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.



**Virginia Cherry**

Junior Play, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh,  
G. A. A., Booster Club, *Eagle Feathers* Staff,  
Cheerleader.



**Joseph Chester**

Sophomore President, Student Council,  
M. M. M., Booster Club, E-Men's Club, Choir  
President, Senior Quartet, Football, Varsity,  
B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track.

**Jo Ann Cole**

Sunshine Society, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.



**James Conway**

**Helen Coulter**

Student Council, Sunshine Society President,  
Rekamemoh, G. A. A., Booster Club, *Eagle  
Feathers* Staff, Library Assistant.



**Audree Duffee**

Junior Play, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh,  
G. A. A., F. T. A., Science Club Vice-President,  
Booster Club, *Edisonian* Staff, *Eagle Feathers*  
Staff.

**Robert Fiebelkorn**

Freshman Secretary, Hi-Y, Booster Club, E-  
Men's Club, Choir, Football, Freshmen Basket-  
ball.

## SENIORS



**Loretta Gray**

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., Booster Club, Choir, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

**Thomas Gray**

Science Club, Hi-Y, Booster Club.

**George Greer**

Freshman President, Junior Secretary, Junior Play, F. T. A., Hi-Y, Booster Club, E-Men's Club, Choir, Reserve Football, Freshman Basketball.

**Delbert W. Hagan**

**Ann Marie Halaschak**

Freshman Vice-President, Junior Play, Student Council Secretary-Treasurer, Sunshine Society Treasurer, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., M. M. M., Booster Club, Choir President, Girls' Chorus, Senior Ensemble, Senior Quartet, *Edisonian* Staff, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Homecoming Queen, Cheerleader.

**Raedeane Hickman**

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G.A.A., F.T.A., Booster Club.

**Alicia Holguin**

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh.

**Carl Jablonski**

Freshman Treasurer, Junior Play, Student Council, M. M. M., Hi-Y, Booster Club, Choir, Boys' Chorus, Boys' Quartet, Senior Quartet, Carnival King, Track, Cheerleader.

## SENIORS

### Sharon Jarabek

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., Science Club, Booster Club, *Edisonian* Staff, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

### Louise Kurtos

Student Council Secretary-Treasurer, Sunshine Society, G. A. A., F. T. A., M. M. M., Science Club Vice-President, Booster Club, Choir, Girls' Chorus, Senior Ensemble, *Edisonian* Associate Editor, *Eagle Feathers* Art Editor, Majorette.

### Paul Kurtos

E-Men's Club, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball.

### Josephine Kushneruk

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, Booster Club, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

### Dallas E. Lehmann

Student Council, F. T. A., M. M. M. Treasurer, Booster Club, Band, Clarinet Trio and Quartet, Sweet Shop Manager.

### Lester Loden

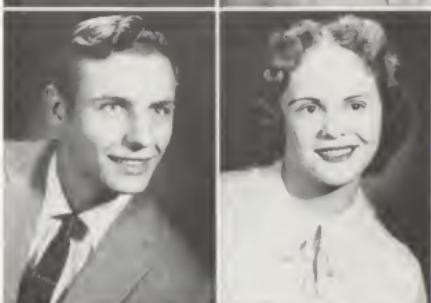
Junior Play, Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, B-Team, Freshman Basketball.

### Marie Lopez

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, Booster Club, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

### Raymond W. Marks

F. T. A.



## SENIORS



### Robert F. Mayka

Hi-Y, Booster Club, E-Men's Club, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track.

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Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., Booster Club, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

### Dorothea B. Mize

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., Science Club, Booster Club, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

### Donald McBride

Sophomore Vice-President and Junior President, Student Council President, F.T.A., E-Men's Club, Choir, Boys' Chorus, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track.

### Ursula Norvil

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., Booster Club.

### Olivia Eryl Parker

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G.A.A., F.T.A., M. M. M., Booster Club, Choir, Senior Ensemble, Band, *Eagle Feathers* Feature Editor.

### Elizabeth Rich

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

### Barbara Schaefer

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G. A. A., Booster Club, Choir, Girls' Chorus, Freshman Ensemble, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Sweetheart Queen.

# SENIORS

**Jack Schener**

E-Men's Club, Reserve Football, Freshman Basketball, Track.



**James Scheuer**

Science Club, E-Men's Club, Football, Freshman Basketball, Track, Cross Country.



**Mary Ann Shoemaker**

Sunshine Society, G. A. A., Booster Club, Choir, Girls' Chorus, Senior Ensemble.

**Donald Schomaker** ✓

F. T. A., Science Club, Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball.



**Gene E. Schrader**

F. T. A., Freshman Basketball, Track.

**Kenneth Skeen** ✓

Junior Play, F. T. A.



**John Strachan**

F. T. A., Science Club Treasurer, E-Men's Club, Track, Cross Country.

**William Strong** ✓

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Reserve Football.

## SENIORS



**Sally Summers**

Junior Treasurer, Student Council, Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, M. M. M., Science Club Secretary, Booster Club, Band Treasurer, *Edisonian* Editor, Girls State Delegate.



**Charles Torrez**

Student Council, Hi-Y, Booster Club, E-Men's Club, Choir, Football, B-Team, Freshman Basketball.

**James Warren**

Student Council, F. T. A., M. M. M. President, Science Club, Booster Club, E-Men's Club, Band President, Pep Band, Brass Sextet, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track, Cross Country.



**Wayne Wesley**

Sophomore Treasurer, Student Council, F.T.A., M. M. M., Science Club, Booster Club, E-Men's Club, Choir, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track, Cross Country.

**Gerald E. Wiles**



**Carolyn Zack**

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, G., A. A., Booster Club, Choir, Girls' Chorus, Senior Ensemble, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

**Barbara Zajac**

Sunshine Society, Rekamemoh, Booster Club.

# SENIORS

## Alex R. Zinkovich

Student Council, F.T.A. Vice-President, Science Club President, Hi-Y, Booster Club, E-Men's Club, *Edisonian* Sports Editor, *Eagle Feathers* Sports Editor, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball, Track, Cross Country.



On September 4, 1951, we the Class of '55, entered Edison's halls as freshmen and soon became accustomed to high school life under the leadership of our class officers: president, George Greer; vice-president, Ann Marie Halaschak; secretary, Robert Fielkorn; and treasurer, Carl Jablonski. We were rather green, but we knew the meaning of fun as well as work and proved it by giving a Barn Dance which was the most successful dance of the year.

As sophomores our class worked together in order that our candidate—Phyllis Bumbera—be crowned Carnival Queen and, also, received \$5.00 for our treasury. Our class officers were: president, Joseph Chester; vice-president, Donald McBride; secretary, Phyllis Bumbera; and treasurer, Wayne Wesley.

Then we were juniors, finally upperclassmen. It was a big year for us with the Junior Prom, class rings, junior play, our nomination for Carnival King—Carl Jablonski—being the winner, the girls' "Powder Puff" football game, and Barbara Schaefer crowned Sweetheart Queen. The officers for our junior year were: president, Donald McBride; vice-president,

Fred Urbanek; secretary, Sally Summers; and treasurer, George Greer.

"SENIORS" at last! Our most important year had arrived. Our senior officers were president, Fred Urbanek; vice-president, Gary King; secretary, Carol Thorgren; and treasurer, Guy Everett. Louise Kurtos and Wayne Wesley were senior representatives on the Student Council. Throughout our high school years almost all of us just could not wait to graduate and be "grown up"; but as our fourth year came near the end, we felt sorry to leave our school, teachers, activities, friends, and classmates.

On May 12, the juniors gave a Prom in our honor at the Marquette Park Pavilion. As senior pictures, name cards, and announcements for commencement arrived, we knew that our graduation day would be arriving very soon. Baccalaureate was held on May 22. In cap and gown as seniors we brought to an end four wonderful high school years and began a new phase of our lives. On May 27, our class of '55 was graduated.

## Senior Steering Committee

*Top row*—Wayne Wesley, Gary King.

*Third row*—Carl Jablonski, Guy Everett.

*Second row*—Ann Marie Halaschak, Donald McBride, James Warren.

*Front row*—Peggy Barker, Carol Thorgren, Fred Urbanek.





*Top row*—Donald McBride, valedictorian; Sally Summers, salutatorian; American Legion Award—James Warren and Louise Kurtos; Joseph Chester, athletic award. *Bottom row*—Veterans of Foreign Wars Award—Alex Zinkovich and Marylan Thompson; activities award—Carl Jablonski and Ann Marie Halaschak.

## GRADUATION

Baccalaureate Service—May 22

Commencement—May 26

The six commencement student speakers were Fred Urbanek, class president; Louise Kurtos, Sally Summers, Jo Ann Cole, James Warren, and Donald McBride. "Living Today" was the theme of the speeches.





*Dear Diary,*

Almost all of us belonged to at least one of the many clubs at Edison. Our membership in the E-Men's Club, Modern Music Masters, Rekamemoh, Future Teachers of America, or any one of the other organizations depended upon our interests and abilities.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR



*Top row*—Thomas Walsh, Joseph Dreyovich, Floyd Kettering, Lloyd Wagner, John Smith, Guy Everett, Bernard Halaschak.

*Second row*—Joseph Chester, Michael Wagner, Helen Coulter, Judith Gardner, Alex Zinkovich, James Warren.  
*Front row*—Wayne Wesley, Kathryn Pappas, Ethel Stavrakis, Joyce Follow, Judith Brown, Gloria Castro, Carl Jablonski.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

As in other schools, Edison has a student government organization. Its purpose was to recommend to the administration improvements in the functioning of the daily school program, activities, and regulations. Each organization and class, including the eighth grade, was represented on the Council.

After the North Judson game, October 1, the annual Homecoming Dance was the Council's

outstanding social event. During the Christmas season, the Council decorated the halls with arches of snow-covered evergreens and arranged a blue-lighted, snow-covered tree near a fireplace on the main floor—all of which added a bit of cheer and Christmas spirit. The last undertaking was the supervision of the election of next year's president.

### Officers and Sponsor

Fred Urbanek, vice-president; Donald McBride, president; Louise Kurtos, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Owen, sponsor.

Annual  
HOMECOMING DANCE  
October 1





Phyllis Bumbera, Virginia Cherry, Donald McBride, Student Council president, Ann Marie Halaschak, queen; Peggy Barker.

## H O M E C O M I N G

Phyllis Bumbera, Ann Marie Halaschak, queen; Peggy Barker, Donald McBride, Student Council president.





*Top row*—Nellie Bright, Catherine Kaiser, Ann Marie Halaschak, Carl Jablonski, Peggy Barker, Shirley Kersey, Paula Nichaus.

*Front row*—Beverly Berg, Louise Kurtos, Shirley Mattingly, Patricia McArdle, Dorothy Thompson, Barbara Bottila.

## MODERN MUSIC MASTERS

Having been organized the second semester last year, the Modern Music Masters has completed its first full year as an organization of Edison High School. The club was organized

as an honorary organization for the purpose of promoting a better interest in music in the school and the community. Its display for the annual Homecoming Dance took top honors.

### Officers and Sponsor

*Top row*—James Warren, president; Joseph Chester, historian; Dallas Lehmann, treasurer; Mr. Paoliso, sponsor.

*Front row*—Miss Grabill, sponsor; Shirley Peltou, vice-president; Joyce Cunningham, secretary.



M. M. M.'s  
Annual  
Homecoming Display  
Wins  
First Place



## BAND BOOSTERS

The Band Boosters have supported the Band since it was organized in the beginning. Throughout the years the club has purchased two sets of band uniforms; as a result the Band has been wearing new uniforms—in which they made their first appearance last spring—this school year. From year to year the Band Boosters have helped to support and chaperone

the annual band trip as well as sponsor other activities for the enjoyment of the band members.

This year's officers were as follows: Mrs. Cunningham, president; Mrs. DeVaney, vice-president; Miss Jane Whissen, secretary; Mrs. Summers, treasurer.

### Pep Band

*Top row*—Kendall Spencer, James Warren, Guy Everett, Bruce Bailey, Charles Warren.

*Front row*—Gordon Taylor, Karen Campbell, Sandra Steiler, Kathleen Kulavik, Steven Kozak.



### Majorettes

Sue Broadway, Cheryle Hoyt, Bonnie Sieben, Sandra Owens, Joyce Cunningham, drum major; Louise Kurtos, Karen Miller, Linda Tavolacci, Judith Grant.



### Band Officers

James Warren, president; Sally Summers, treasurer; Beverly Berg, secretary; Dallas Lehmann, vice-president.





## B A N D

*Standing*—Mr. Paolissio, director.  
*Back row*—Bruce Bailey, Beverly Berg, Gordon Taylor, Emil Conde, Beverly Draves, Gerald Adams, Richard Major, Ned Anderson, Charlotte Stetler, David Cunningham, Guy Everett, Charles Warren, Verle Jones, Gloria Dawson, Carolyn Zubek, Charles Cox, James Warren, Michael Sitar, Ruth Garzella, Michael Havilla, Wayne Brown.  
*Second row*—Sandra Stetler, Karen Campbell, Antoinette Mayoch, Carol Summers, Judith Brown, Sharon Thompson, Floyd Kettering, Judith Wesley, Richard Whissen, Charlene Vasile, Lyndell Adams, Steve Kozak, Joyce Cunningham, Carol Maurer, Penelope Kettering, Shirley Ann Walker, Dallas Lehmann, John Sykes, Janice Johnston, Marjorie Mattie, Frances Bentley.

*Not pictured*—Kendall Spener.

# INSTRUMENTAL DEPARTMENT

This year, the band contributed to the school by giving performances at convos, P.T.A. meetings, and many other programs, including the annual band concerts.

Various members of the band played solos and ensembles at the district solo and ensemble contest held at Hammond High School on February 5. There were fifteen first-place winners and twenty-two second-place winners. The students receiving first place entered the state contest at Butler University in

Indianapolis on February 19 and brought back six second-place ratings. On April 2, the band took a second-place rating at the district contest at Valparaiso University.

Concerts were given on November 21 and May 15. The band's first trip was taken to participate in the annual band day held at Purdue University on October 9, and the final trip was taken to the Wisconsin Dells on May 19-21.

## STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

### Second-Place Winners

*Top row*—Kathleen Kulavik, James Warren, Charles Warren, Dallas Lehmann.



## DISTRICT SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

### First-Place Winners

*Bottom row*—Karen Campbell, Kendall Spencer, Charles Cox, Richard Whissen — second-place State Solo and Ensemble Contest winner.

## SAXOPHONE QUARTET

### First Place—District Solo and Ensemble Contest

Lyndel Adams, Richard Whissen, Joyce Cunningham, Steven Kozak.



## CLARINET QUARTET

### Second Place—State Solo and Ensemble Contest

Kathleen Kulavik, Sandra Stettler, Joyce Follow, Phyllis Bumbera.





#### GIRLS' ENSEMBLE NO. 1

Second Place  
State Solo and Ensemble  
Contest

*Top row*—Judith Keyak, Louise Kurtos, Nellie Bright, Ann Marie Halaschak, Olivia Parker.

*Front row*—Margaret Pendergrast, Joan Vickrey, Sharon Baker, Arnetta Rafferty, Peggy Barker.



#### GIRLS' ENSEMBLE NO. 2

First Place  
District Solo and Ensemble  
Contest

*Top row*—Shirley Pelton, Catherine Kaiser, Patricia McArdle, Nellie Bright.

*Front row*—Darlene Kolosci, Leona Mock, Shirley Kersey, LaVonne Spence, Catherine Lopez.



State Solo and Ensemble Contest

Second-Place Winners

Peggy Barker, Paula Nichaus, Nellie Bright.

## VOCAL DEPARTMENT

The Choir opened the year with a show, which was called "Barnyard Frolics" on November 12. The annual Christmas concert, which was planned, was canceled because of illness of Miss Grabill.

Each year, the music department enters the music contests with whole-hearted enthusiasm. The vocal department took five first-place and four second-place ratings at the district solo and ensemble contest held at Hammond High School on February 5. The first-place winners entered the state contest at Butler University

in Indianapolis on February 19 and won one first-place and three second-place ratings.

Continuing with contest activities, the choir entered the district contest at Valparaiso University on April 2 to win first place—later the state contest at Whiting on April 16 to win a second-place rating.

The final program of the year, a parody of shows and their commercials called "T-V-itis," was on May 6. In honor of the seniors the choir banquet was the concluding social event.

### **Senior Ensemble**

Joseph Chester, Louise Kur-tos, Nellie Bright, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Ann Marie Halas-chak, Peggy Barker, Olivia Parker, Carl Jablonski.



### **Junior Ensemble**

Patricia McArdle, Shirley Pelton, Barbara Bottila, La-Vonne Spence, Catherine Lopez, Shirley Kersey, Catherine Kai-ser, Dorothy Thompson, Shirley Mattingly.



### **Sophomore Ensemble**

Judith Keyak, Darlene Ko-josci, Margaret Pendergrast, Sharon Baker, Joan Vickrey, Frances Dayberry, Rosemary Bottila, Janet Grusak.



### **Senior Quartet**

Carl Jablonski, Ann Marie Halaschak, Peggy Barker, Jo-seph Chester.



### **Choir Officers**

Shirley Kersey, secretary-treasurer; Joseph Chester, president; Barbara Bottila, vice-president.



*Top row*—Joseph Chester, Richard Mumaw, Bernard Halaschak, William Halaschak, Cecil Foltz, Michael Kozak, Carl Jablonski, Thomas Clark, George Morikis.

*Fourth row*—Frances Dayberry, Shirley Mattingly, Louise Kurtos, Patricia McArdle, Judith Keyak, Joan Vickrey, Margaret Pendergrast, James Turner, Frederick Armenth.

*Third row*—Shirley Kersey, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Catherine Kaiser, Shirley Pelton, Olivia Parker, Janet Grusak, Dorothy Thompson, Joyce Webdell, Paula Niehaus.

*Second row*—Ann Marie Halaschak, Peggy Barker, Leona Mock, Nellie Bright, Arnetta Rafferty, Janis Felton, Rosemary Bottila, LaVonne Spence, Barbara Bottila.

*Front row*—Sharon Baker, Catherine Lopez, Daryl Hoyt, Howard Jones, Anthony Tamalunas, James Clark, David Cotter, Mary Tsacoumangos, Darlene Kolosc.

*Not pictured*—Francis Chester, Janice Michaels, Len Conway, Jacqueline Pocialik, Sandra Sullivan.

## CHOIR

"Barnyard Frolics"





Louise Kurtos, associate editor; Sally Summers, editor; Phyllis Bumbera, associate editor; Alex Zinkovich, sports editor.

## EDISONIAN

This year, as in previous years, the staff has striven to make the 1955 *Edisonian* a good one. Using a diary theme, they have tried to record within these pages, all the events of the 1954-55 school year.

The cooperation and hard work on the part

of our sponsor—Miss Hartley, our photographer—Mr. Lee Coner, the student body, the faculty and administration, and our advertisers have made this book possible and is greatly appreciated by those concerned.

*Top row*—Carol Thorgren, Sharon Jarabek.

*Front row*—Ann Marie Halaschak, Peggy Barker, Marylan Thompson, Audree Duffee.





*Top row*—Olivia Parker, feature editor; Marylan Thompson, associate editor; Louise Kurtos, art editor; Carol Thorgren, editor; Alex Zinkovich, sports editor.

## EAGLE FEATHERS

"Tuesday—deadline—all news articles are due!" was the unwritten news every other Tuesday — publication week of *Eagle Feathers*. Through the hard work of the staff from the editor to the mimeographers and from the help

of our sponsor—Miss Hartley and our English critics—Mrs. Crisman, Mr. Owen, and Miss Rabe, we were able to print a paper for the enjoyment of the student body.

*Standing*—Virginia Cherry, Gloria Castro, Audree Duffee, Marie Lopez, Barbara Schaefer, Loretta Gray, Dorothea Mize, Betty Mize, Sharon Jarabek, Ann Marie Halaschak, Peggy Barker, Josephine Kushneruk.  
*Seated*—Phyllis Bumbera, Elizabeth Rich, Helen Coulter.





*Top row*—John Strachan, Dallas Lehmann, Donald Schorraker, Richard Bloomquist, Gene Schrader, Kenneth Skeen, Raymond Marks.

*Third row*—Louise Kurtos, Audree Duffee, Beverly Berg, Paula Nichaus, Rita Drake, Dorothy Thompson, Joyce Cunningham, Carol Brown, Raedane Hickman.

*Second row*—Charles Warren, James Warren, Judith Keyak, Patricia McArdle, Janice Michaels, Ruth Thompson, Jacqueline Pocialik, June Robertson.

*Front row*—Wayne Wesley, Alberta Nagy, Leona Mock, Frank Aloia, Donald McBride, Penelope Kettering, Marjorie Mattie, Gary King.

## F. T. A.

The Future Teachers of America is a fairly new organization in school, as it was organized and named the Virgil I. Bailey Chapter last year.

F. T. A.'s purpose is to help students decide if they want to become teachers and if they do, what grades they will want to teach. At first, F. T. A. members are on-lookers, then they

teach a class for either one or two six-weeks periods.

This year, four members and Mrs. Chapman attended the Lake County F.T.A. Round-up at Emerson High School in Gary. A financial project sponsored by the F. T. A. was the sale of hot dogs at the noon hour. The year ended with a trip to Indiana State Teachers College in Terre Haute, Indiana.

### Officers and Sponsor

Alex Zinkovich, vice-president; Olivia Parker, historian; Mr. Roos, sponsor; Mrs. Chapman, sponsor; Judy Gardner, president; Marianne Zieba, secretary.





*Top row*—Audree Duffee, Marie Lopcz, Betty Mize, Dorothea Mize, Nancee Bogdon, Loretta Gray, Ursula Norvil, Beverly Berg, Leila Ford, Barbara Zajac, Nellie Bright, Jo Ann Cole, Josephine Kushneruk, Ruth Garzella, Carolann Hiller.

*Fourth row*—Gloria Castro, Louise Kurtos, Elizabeth Rich, Darlene Zinkovich, Toni Tucker, Rita Drake, Dorothy Thompson, Angeline Castro, Betty Schmelzer, Marianne Zieba, Joyce Cunningham, Sandra Berg.

*Third row*—Leona Mock, Nancy King, Shirley Keel, Shirley Kersey, Rosalie Marovich, Patsy Huckabee, Sharon Jarabek, Patricia Brown, Carol Broadway, Marcia Klempa, Jeanette Snell, Carol Schleff, Eunice Maxwell.

*Second row*—Judith Gardiner, Carolyn Mattie, Sharon McKimney, Patricia McArdle, Alberta Nagy, Barbara Bottila, Shirley Pelton, LaVonne Spence, Catherine Kaiser, Karen Havrilesko, Catherine Lopez, Alicia Holquin.

*Front row*—Violet Wineinger, Sandra Owens, Sally Summers, Olivia Parker, Virginia Cherry, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Raedeanne Hickman, Carol Thorgren, Barbara Schaefer, Ann Marie Halaschak, Peggy Barker, Phyllis Bumbera, Kathryne Pappas.

## SUNSHINE SOCIETY

Sunshine, as the name implies, is what the Sunshine girls spread each year. The junior and senior girls gave a helping hand to the needy by giving Christmas baskets and sending cards to shut-ins, and they gave their annual contribution to the Riley Hospital. The

formal candle-light initiation was held on November 2, and the annual Sweetheart Dance was February 12. Edison was well represented at the SSS district and state conventions. The final event of the year was the annual breakfast.

### Officers and Sponsor

Martha Cruikshank, vice-president; Shirley Mattingly, treasurer; Mrs. Chapman, sponsor; Helen Coulter, president; Marylan Thompson, secretary.



### Sweetheart Queen

Peggy Barker, Barbara Schaefer, last year's Queen; Martha Cruikshank, Sweetheart Queen; Sally Summers, Sandra Berg.





*Top row*—Carol Brown, Janet Trecce, Romane Klisz, Mary Najar, Paula Nichans, Phyllis Maurer, Jacqueline Amstein, Judith Calbeitzor, Judith Keyak, Jacqueline Pocialik, June Robertson, Penelope Kettering.

*Third row*—Carol Maurer, Mary Muldoon, Betty Greer, Dolores Aloia, Beverly Draves, Margaret Pendergrast, Janice Michaels, Angela Glorioso, Darlene Kolosci, Elaine Bennett, Marjorie Mattie, Shirley Ann Walker.

*Second row*—Carolyn O'Kelly, Rita Werner, Janet Evolga, Judith Wignall, Elizabeth Todd, Marguerite Patterson, Dolores Myers, Carolyn Huckabee, Joyce Follow, Carole Ahern, Marjorie Schavey, Frances Ritcheson, Barbara Alexander.

*Front row*—Judith Kersey, Kathleen Kadish, Frances Bentley, Frances Dayberry, Linda Smith, Diane Marovich, Terry Bishop, Eva Peck, Ruth Thompson, Johnye Broadway, Peggy Scott, Mary Tsacoumangos.

## SOPHOMORE-FRESHMAN GIRLS' CLUB

The S. F. G. C. is for all girls of the sophomore and freshman classes. The programs consisted of topics of interest to teen-age girls and subjects of importance in the school.

*Top row*—Delores Chaney, Janice Johnston, Karen Silverthorn, Kathleen Kulavik, Brenda Statum, Naomi Schaefer, Linda Sue Robertson, Erin Murray, Judith Wesley, Nancy Warren.

*Fourth row*—Elizabeth Poc, JoAnn Taylor, Olive Coppinger, Sandra Sullivan, Margaret Weber, Janis Felton, Ursula Burchardt, Barbara Higgins, Nancy Schavey.

*Third row*—Virginia Newman, Charlene Strong, Joyce Webdell, Beverly Moore, Shirley Ellis, Janet Grusak, Betty Boznak, Sharon Forney, Betty Serles, Betty Hill.

*Second row*—Shirley Murphy, Joan Jenkins, Arnetta Rafferty, Joan Vickrey, Antoinette Mayoch, Thelma Wineinger, Phyllis Jahns, Patricia Bryant, Barbara Davis.

*Front row*—Patsy Burton, Rosemary Bottila, LaVon Comstock, Faith Wells, Sandra Stettler, Mrs. Chapman, sponsor; Arveta Miskimins, Len Conway, Eva Cruikshank, Darlene Saddler, Ethel Stavrakis.





*Top row*—Alicia Holguin, Marie Lopez, Nancee Bogdon, Dorothea Mize, Betty Mize, Audree Duffee, Beverly Berg, Barbara Zack, Nellie Bright, Barbara Bottila.

*Fourth row*—Barbara Shafer, Virginia Cherry, Sally Summers, Sharon Jarabek, Toni Tucker, Rosalie Marovich, Carol Schleff, Kaedeanne Hickman, Loretta Gray, Phyllis Bumbera.

*Third row*—Sharon McKinney, Carolyn Mattie, Betty Schmelzer, Romane Klisz, Mary Najar, Carol Brown, Janet Trece, Johnye Broadway, Carol Broadway, Elaine Bennett, Margaret Pendergrast.

*Second row*—Kathleen Kadish, Terry Bishop, Eva Peek, Ruth Thompson, Beverly Draves, Marguerite Patterson, Dolores Myers, Carolyn Huckabee, Joyce Follow, Carole Aheren, Marjorie Schavey, Angela Glorioso, Mary Tsacoumangos.

*Front row*—Frances Bentley, Frances Dayberry, Linda Smith, Diane Marovich, Judith Kersey, Janice Michaels, Elizabeth Todd, Judith Calbetzor, Janet Evolga, Judith Wignall, Jacqueline Amstein, Darlene Kolosi.

## HOMEMAKERS OF TOMORROW

The members of the home economics club elected officers for the school year in October and changed the name of the club from "Rekamemoh" to "Homemakers of Tomorrow." February 13 was the date of the initiation of new members.

April 7, the girls were hostesses to their mothers at an Easter Tea. The Sadie Hawkins Dance was held on April 29, and the biggest event of the year was the sponsorship of a fashion revue on May 20. Members of the club took part in the revue.

### Officers and Sponsor

Mrs. Gleason, sponsor; Betty Greer, secretary; Josephine Kushneruk, vice-president; Laura Smith, president; Shirley Ann Walker, treasurer; Mary Muldoon, sergeant-at-arms; not pictured—Lois McEwan, historian.



### HOMECOMING DISPLAY

Wins  
Second Place





*Top row*—Daryl Hoyt, Frederick Armenth, Michael Kozak, Leon Bartos, Albert Crider, James Turner.  
*Front row*—Donald McBride, Wayne Wesley, Sharon Jarabek, Dorothea Mize, Frank Aloia, James Warren.

## SCIENCE CLUB

At the beginning of the school year, the members of the Science Club elected new officers and decided to meet at noon on Wednesday of each week. The Science Club was a more active organization this year than it was last year when it was last organized. Several experi-

ments were performed at the meetings.

March 25 was the date of the spring dance. The members of the club toured the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago and the Standard Oil Plant in Whiting.

### Officers and Sponsors

*Top row*—Mr. Markovich, sponsor; Alex Zinkovich, president; John Strachan, treasurer; Mr. Tchalo, sponsor.

*Front row*—Joyce Cunningham, historian; Adrienne Duffee, vice-president; Darlene Zinkovich, secretary.





Gloria Castro, president; Rita Werner, vice-president; Mrs. Howard, sponsor; Carolyn Huckabee, secretary; Joyce Follow, treasurer.

## G. A. A.

G. A. A. has grown as more and more girls have become interested in participating in sports activities. The annual initiation of new members was held on October 20.

Throughout the year the girls earned points

by taking part in group sports such as volleyball, basketball, deck tennis, soft ball, badminton, bowling, ice and roller skating, and swimming.

G. A. A. Initiation  
October 20



Miss Kershner coaching basketball,  
one of G. A. A.'s activities





*Top row*—Audree Duffee, Elizabeth Rich, Sharon Jarabek, Toni Tucker, Darlene Zinkovich, Violet Wineinger, Dorothy Thompson, Betty Mize, Nancee Bogdon, Dorothea Mize.

*Third row*—Judith Wignall, Judith Kersey, Janet Evolga, Frances Bentley, Kathleen Kadish, Carolyn O'Kelly, Sandra Owens, Patricia McArdle, Sharon McKinney, Carolyn Mattie, Joyce Cunningham.

*Second row*—Frances Dayberry, Marguerite Patterson, Dolores Myers, Elizabeth Todd, Beverly Draves, Barbara Bottila, Shirley Pelton, LaVonne Spence, Rosalie Marovich, Alberta Nagy, Marianne Zieba.

*Front row*—Patricia Brown, Jeanette Snell, Angeline Castro, Rita Drake, Shirley Ann Walker, Carol Maurer, Mary Muldoon, Jacqueline Amstein, Phyllis Maurer, Sandra Berg.

## G. A. A.

*Top row*—Audree Duffee, JoAnn Taylor, Olive Coppinger, Janice Johnston, Kathleen Kulavik, Judith Wesley, Marjorie Mattie, June Robertson, Jacqueline Pocialik, Judith Keyak, Loretta Gray.

*Third row*—Nancy Warren, Erin Murray, Barbara Alexander, Sandra Sullivan, Shirley Ellis, Janis Felton, Betty Hill, Judith Calhertzor, Terry Bishop, Eva Peek, Dolores Aloia, Mary Najar.

*Second row*—Joan Jenkins, Virginia Newman, Charlene Strong, Joyce Webdell, Beverly Moore, Antoinette Mayoch, Thelma Wineinger, Phyllis Jahns, Patricia Bryant, Ruth Thompson, Rosemary Bottila, Brenda Statum.

*Front row*—Linda Sue Robertson, Patsy Burton, Arnetta Rafferty, Joan Vickrey, LaVon Comstock, Faith Wells, Sandra Stetler, Arveta Miskimins, Len Conway, Eva Cruikshank, Darlene Saddler, Ethel Stavrakis.





*Top row*—Mr. Valenti, sponsor; Carl Jablonski, president; Mr. Arlington, sponsor.

*Front row*—Phyllis Bumbera, vice-president; Laura Smith, secretary; Kathryn Pappas, treasurer.

## BOOSTER CLUB

This year, the Booster Club was one of the most outstanding clubs of the school. A lot of credit is given to the club as a whole and, also, to each individual member who helped to spread school spirit throughout the football and basketball seasons.

Under the leadership of its officers the

Booster Club gave the first dance of the school year which proved to be very successful.

A new system was set up for paying dues this year. For \$1.00 for three months the students received membership cards and were given rides to and from all away-from-home games.





*Top row*—Sandra Berg, Joyce Cunningham, Angeline Castro, Rita Drake, Darlene Zinkovich, Toni Tucker, Beverly Draves.

*Fifth row*—Mary Najar, Dolores Aloia, Marie Lopez, Betty Mize, Nancee Bogdon, Dorothea Mize, Audree Duffee, Sharon Jarabek, Margaret Pendergrast, Dorothy Thompson, Marianne Zieba.

*Fourth row*—Elizabeth Todd, Marguerite Patterson, Dolores Myers, Loretta Gray, Ruth Torrez, Terry Bishop, Ruth Thompson, Eva Peek, Janice Michaels, Judith Galhetzor, Mary Muldoon.

*Third row*—Beverly Moore, Virginia Newman, Joyce Wedell, June Robertson, Judith Keyak, Marjorie Matzie, Jacqueline Pocialik, Carol Maurer, Phyllis Maurer, Carolyn O'Kelly, Rita Werner, Kathleen Kadish.

*Second row*—Beverly Petruzelli, Ursula Burchardt, Janice Felton, Darlene Saddler, Barbara Bottila, Shirley Pelton, Janet Evolga, Frances Bentley, Carolyn Ruckabee, Barbara Alexander, Patricia Brown.

*Front row*—Rosemary Bottila, Phyllis Jahns, Len Conway, Eva Cruikshank, Judith Kersey, Joyce Follow, Shirley Ann Walker, LaVonne Spence, Patricia McArdle, Sandra Owens, Violet Wineinger.

## BOOSTER CLUB

*Top row*—Paul Jarabek, Alan Jackson, Tony Christakis, Lorne Rearick, Frank Aloia, Gary King, Robert Fiebelkorn, Robert Mayka, Charles Torrez, John Stonehouse, Thomas Johnson, Paul Anderson.

*Fifth row*—Dame Marovich, Nancy Warren, Janice Johnston, Judith Wesley, David Cotter, Howard Jones, Richard Munaw, James Clark, Emil Conde, Wayne Jakich, Eugene Chicos, William Winegar.

*Fourth row*—Raymond Hicks, John Sykes, Richard Whissen, Jeffrey Lewis, Richard Kestle, John Norvil, Gilbert Hamilton, Kenneth Bozman, Gerald Blair, Charles Cox, Larry Blair, Val Gene McGuire.

*Third row*—Carol Thorgren, Sally Summers, Mary Ann Shoemaker, Charles Short, David Cunningham, John Kulavik, John Prott, Peggy Scott, Mary Tsacoumangos, Linda Smith, JoAnn Taylor, Kathleen Kulavik, Karen Silverthorn.

*Second row*—Alex Zinkovich, James Warren, Carolyn Mattie, Sharon McKinney, Ruth Nolan, Joan Pundrich, Gloria Dawson, Joan Norvil, Judith Brown, Kathleen Patterson, Thelma Wineinger, Joan Jenkins, Patsy Burton.

*Front row*—Betty Schmelzer, Marcia Klempa, Catherine Kaiser, Roberta Nagy, Martha Cruikshank, Karen Havrilesko, Virginia Cherry, Ann Marie Halaschak, Nancy Olszyniak, Claudette Hutchins, Mary Ann Bumbera, Betty Mills, Peggy Barker, Barbara Schaefer.





P. T. A. Carnival Queen and King

*Top row*—Carolyn Huckabee, Karen Havrilesko, Olivia Parker, Alberta Nagy, last year's queen; Carl Jablonski, last year's king; Joseph Chester, Charles Tamaga, Verle Jones.  
*Front row*—Darlene Saddler, queen; Emil Conde, king of the P. T. A. Carnival.

## P. T. A.

Naturally, the persons most interested in the school are our parents, and they are given an opportunity to support the school through the P. T. A.

Down through the history of Edison the big

money-making event is the annual P. T. A. Carnival, which was held in Edison Building this year on November 20. The proceeds were divided equally among the P. T. A., Central School, and Edison.

### Annual P. T. A. Carnival





*Dear Diary:*

As the days pass and weeks turn into months, the seasons advance; also, with the change in seasons comes the change in sports. Football and cross country start the cycle in the fall and are followed by basketball in the winter months and track in the spring.

SPORTS EDITOR.



*Top row*—Larry Flanigan, Bernard Halaschak, Thomas Walsh, Lee Morrison, Lawrence Petruzzelli, Richard Lambert, Ronald Rafferty, Robert Muraco.

*Second row*—Coach Georgakis, Victor Aloia, student manager; John Smith, Larry Blue, Charles Gilmore, Robert Gilmore, Edward Dawson, George Morikis, assistant coach Bromberg.

*Front row*—Robert Mayka, Guy Everett, Frank Aloia, Joseph Chester, Robert Fiebelkorn, Jerry Barnes, Donald McBride.

## *Football*

### V A R S I T Y

The varsity football squad of the fall of 1954 played ten games of the season with a record of three victories, six defeats, and one tie. At first the team was very inexperienced, and the opposition just beat Edison. About the middle of the season the team started on the upward trend, as Edison was tied by Wirt, 6-6; mauled North Judson, 25-0; beat Dyer, 13-6; and then lost to Portage, 26-6. In the next game the Eagles lost a close game to Edison of Gary, 12-7. This was quite a game because Edison of Gary was the conference champ, and the Eagles came closer to beating them than any other conference team. Next, the team thoroughly beat Knox, 26-7, but closed the season by losing to the highly rated Morton squad of Hammond, 20-0.

Edison placed one man on the Calumet Conference Team, and that was quite an honor for

Frank Aloia inasmuch as it was his first year in the line. Joe Chester was placed in the backfield on the second team. Honorable mention went to Charles Gilmore, Robert Muraco, Guy Everett, Robert Mayka, and Bernard Halaschak.

#### Season's Record

	Opponent	Edison
Portage . . . . .	19	0
Merrillville . . . . .	19	0
Hobart . . . . .	32	6
Wirt . . . . .	6	6
North Judson . . . . .	0	25
Dyer . . . . .	6	13
Portage . . . . .	26	6
Edison of Gary . . . . .	12	7
Knox . . . . .	7	26
Hammond . . . . .	20	0



### FOOTBALL SENIOR LETTERMEN

Robert Fiebelkorn

Joseph Chester  
Co-Captain

Jerry Barnes

Guy Everett

Robert Mayka

Frank Aloia  
Co-Captain

Donald McBride



ANNUAL HOMECOMING GAME



EDISON VERSUS NORTH JUDSON

October 1





## FOOTBALL

### RESERVES

The reserve football squad gained experience from the actual playing of the game with its opponents. Just looking at the record, it appears that the reserve team had a very unsuccessful season. This was due mainly to the fact that the varsity lacked depth, which permitted many of the first string of reserve players to move up to the varsity. Although the reserves did not win a game, they tied Portgae with a score of 7-7. The reserve team's schedule was limited to six games because some of the games that were

scheduled were postponed and were never rescheduled.

#### Season's Record

	Opponent	Edison
Merrillville . . . . .	21	13
Hobart . . . . .	14	0
Portage . . . . .	7	7
Wirt . . . . .	26	6
Wirt . . . . .	25	0
Edison of Gary . . . . .	13	6

*Top row*—Russell Penzato, James Hamilton, Charles Melton, Larry Blair, Val Gene McGuire, William Muldoon, Thomas Clark, Larry Zinkovich, Charles Cox.

*Second row*—Coach Arington, William Breitsprecher, David Mize, William Poffnberger, Ralph Strong, Truman Miller, Fred Williamson, Charles Ivilow, Victor Aloia, student manager.

*Front row*—Joseph Dreyovich, Francis Chester, William Smith, William Halaschak, LeRoy Webdell, Lawrence Snopel, Kenneth Roberts.





*Top row—Coach Gaza, Donald Schomaker, Richard Lambert, Wayne Wesley, Paul Kurtos, Joseph Chester, Frank Aloia, Assistant Coach Haddad. Front row—Paul Anderson, Gene Brock, Fred Urbaneck, Robert Mayka, Robert Muraco, Richard Chantos, Paul Blue.*

## BASKETBALL VARSITY

The varsity opened the season against Merrillville and Calumet Twp., which were two of the best teams in this area, and lost both games. When Richard Chantos was advanced from the B-Team to the varsity, Edison won four successive games.

In the Holiday Tourney the Eagles lost to Lowell in an overtime game but beat Dyer in the consolation game.

Then, along came misfortune as Richard Chantos and Fred Urbaneck were injured. Since both players were in the line-up of the first five, their injuries were one cause for Edison's loss of eight consecutive games. Edison did not win another game until both of these players were back in action again, after which the Eagles beat Medaryville, a strong Wheeler team, and Knox but closed the season of scheduled games with a loss to Chesterton—an undefeated team of the season and the sectional champs at Valparaiso.

In the Sectional Tournament in Gary on February 24, the Eagles lost to Tolleston of Gary by a score of 48-84. Thus, the varsity completed the season with a record of eight victories and thirteen losses.

### Season's Record

	Opponent	Edison
Merrillville	65	26
Calumet Township	77	61

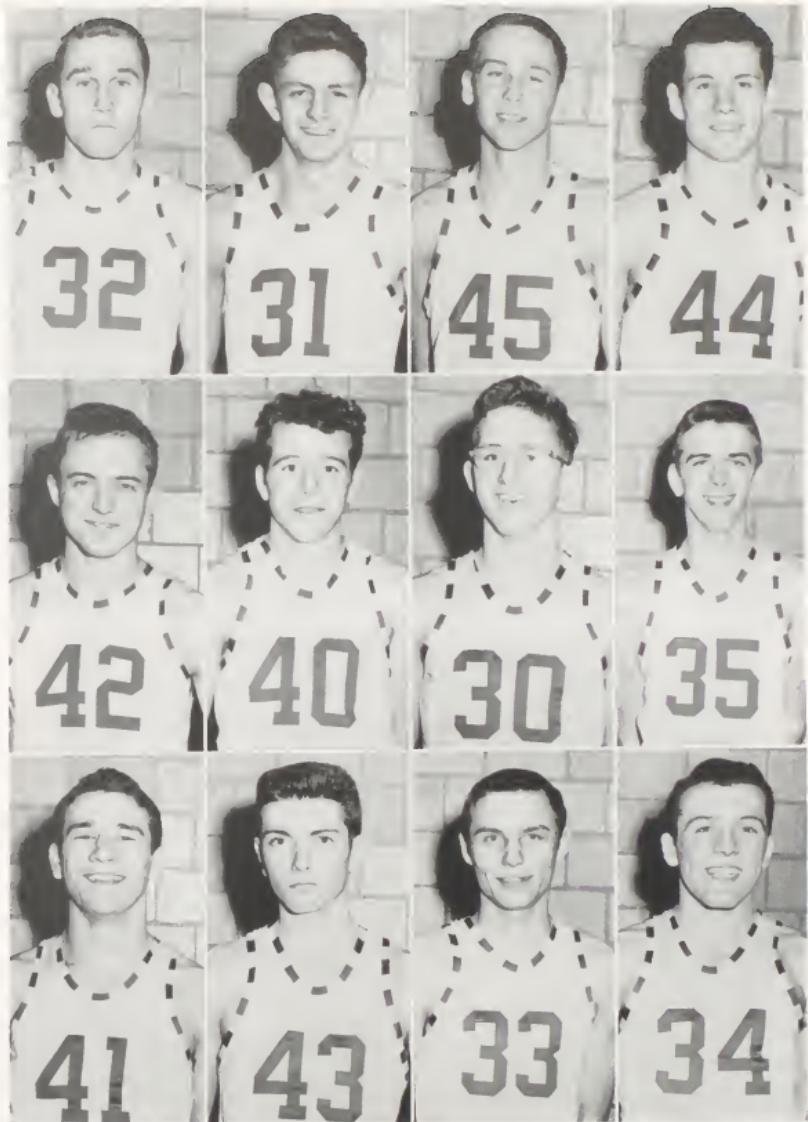
Dyer	60	83
Boone Grove	51	69
Wirt	53	56
Wheatfield	50	78

### Holiday Tournament

Lowell	68	66
Dyer	72	83
Edison of Gary	66	43
Griffith	57	43
St. Joseph of South Bend	73	61
Lowell	73	68
Hobart	60	57
Merrillville	57	24
Portage	62	54
Brook	64	40
Medaryville	47	48
Wheeler	57	76
Knox	66	72
Chesterton	78	66

### Sectional Tournament

Tolleston of Gary	84	48					
FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	TP	
Brock	346	138	.397	113	71	.628	347
Mayka	410	96	.234	131	85	.648	277
Blue	180	27	.150	50	33	.660	87
Chantos	216	82	.378	45	30	.667	194
Urbaneck	143	40	.278	38	20	.520	100
Muraco	76	27	.355	25	12	.480	66
Lambert	20	5	.250	13	9	.691	19



### Varsity First Twelve

Robert Mayka  
Paul Blue  
Joseph Chester

Richard Chantos  
Robert Muraco  
Wayne Wesley

Fred Urbanek  
Richard Lambert  
Paul Kurtos

Gene Brock  
Donald Schomaker  
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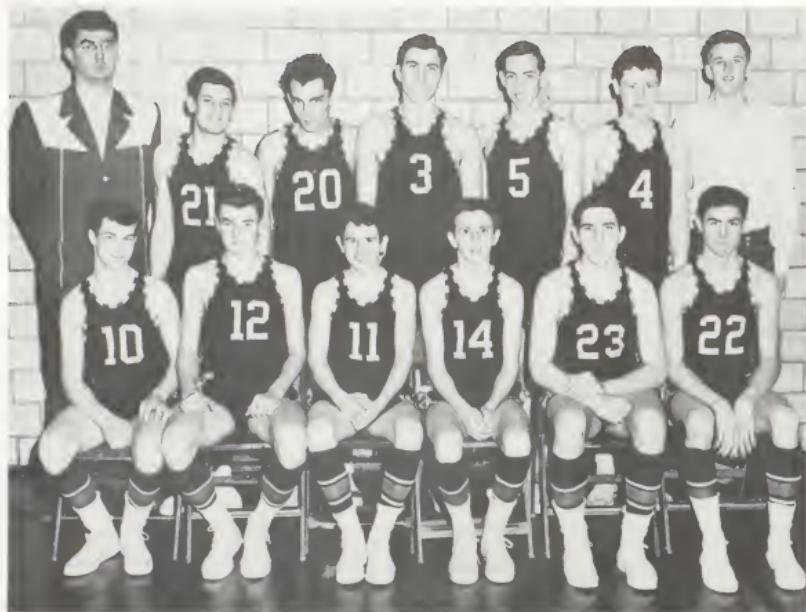
### VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

*Top row*—Phyllis Bumbera, Carl Jablonski, Virginia Cherry.  
*Front row*—Ann Marie Halaschak, Kathryn Pappas.

### B-TEAM CHEERLEADERS

Joyce Fellow, Judith Kersey, Shirley Ann Walker, Linda Smith, Diane Marovich.





*Top row*—Coach Gaza, William Maxwell, Robert Brown, John Smith, John Meitzler, William Halaschak, Charles Ivlow.

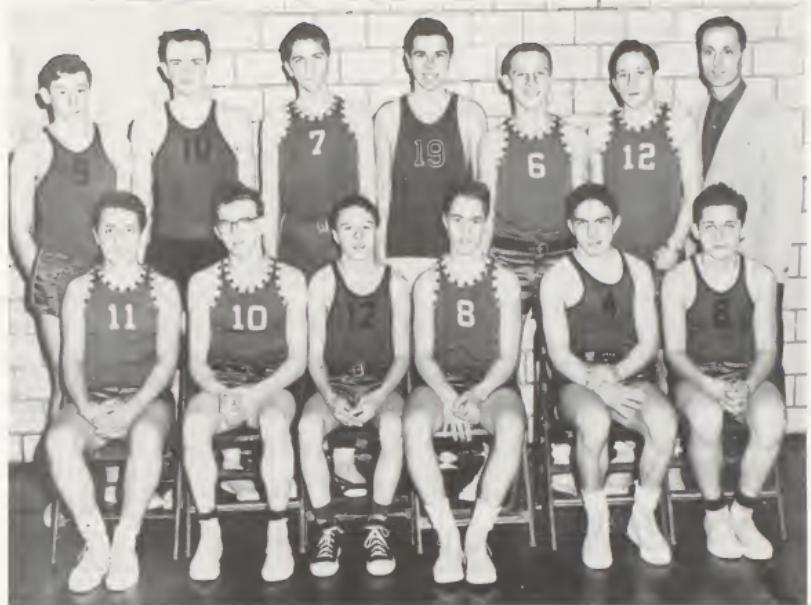
*Front row*—Cletus Hagan, Bert Rhyneerson, Thomas Clark, Jerry Klimczyk, William Smith, Bernard Halaschak.

## B-TEAM

The B-Team ended the basketball season with a very respectable record of twelve victories and eight losses. The B-Team lost its first game of the season to Merrillville and then proceeded to win the next four games. This streak of victories was interrupted by two losses—one to Edison of Gary and the other to Griffith, which was followed by a victory over St. Joseph of South Bend.

In the first game of the Reserve Tourney, Edison beat Clark of Hammond, which gave the Eagles the privilege of playing two more games which they lost—one to Griffith and the other to Calumet Township.

Toward the end of the season the Eagles won five straight games, one of which was a 72-20 rout over Wheeler. The season was ended with a loss to Chesterton.



*Top row*—Donald McClaran, Thomas Walsh, Ralph Strong, Michael Havrilla, Francis Chester, Thomas Johnson, Coach Haddad.

*Front row*—Wayne Jakich, James Hamilton, Eugene Chicos, Hiram Kaiser, Joseph Dreyovich, William Muldoon.

## FRESHMAN TEAM

Inasmuch as the final score was concerned, the freshman team ended the basketball season with fourteen losses and no victories. The record of the freshman team would probably have been quite different had not a freshman, Gene Brock, been promoted to the varsity at the beginning of the season.

The freshmen lost in their first game of the Freshman Tourney, and some of their games during the season were cancelled and never scheduled again.

Mr. Richard Haddad, assistant basketball coach and junior high school teacher, was coach of the freshman team.



*Top row—* Steven Pahos, Robert McDaniel, Kent McDonald, Coach Gaza.  
*Front row—* John Strachan, Paul Blue, James Warren, Wayne Wesley.

## CROSS COUNTRY

During the fall of 1954, the cross country team under the direction of Coach Gaza scheduled five meets. The team was highlighted by the winning of the first meet against Froebel and Roosevelt. In this meet Steve Pahos, John Strachan, and Robert McDonald, all finished in the first five. The other meets in which Edison participated were Hobart, Dyer, Hobart Invitational, Calumet Conference, and Sectional.



*Top row*—Assistant Track Coach Gaza, William Halaschak, Robert McDonald, LeRoy Webdell, Thomas Meister, Ronald Mumaw, Richard Chantos, Gene Brock, Charles Ivlow, Tony Christakis, student manager; John Bright, Robert Muraco, Eugene Chicos, Track Coach Owen.

*Second row*—Kendall Spencer, Val Gene McGuire, Francis Chester, Lawrence Snopel, Joseph Dreyovich, William Smith, James Hamilton, John Strachan, Charles Warren, Paul Johanson, Thomas Walsh, Thomas Clark.

*Front row*—Leo Parkhurst, Ray Boylan, Bernard Halaschak, Joseph Chester, John Smith, Charles Cox, Kent McDonald, Donald McClaran, David Mize, George Kasarda.

## TRACK

Edison's athletes wasted no time making the switch from the hardwood to the cinders. This year marked the largest track team in the history of the school. The schedule was as follows:

March 31	.....	Wirt
April 1	.....	Portage
5	.....	Edison in Gary
14	.....	Edison in Gary
20	.....	Lowell
28	.....	Griffith
May 4	.....	Reserve Meet at Portage
5	.....	Calumet Conference Meet at Hobart
10	.....	Calumet Conference Reserve Meet at Hobart
13	.....	Sectionals
20	.....	Regionals

Joseph Chester



Bernard Halaschak





*Top row*—Paul Blue, Charles Gilmore, Robert Gilmore, Larry Blue, Lawrence Petruzelii, Bernard Halaschak, Ronald Rafferty, Paul Jarabek, Richard Chantos. *Third row*—Gene Brock, Lee Morrison, John Strachan, Richard Lambert, Robert Muraco, Donald Schomaker, George Morikis, William Smith. *Second row*—Edward Dawson, Raymond Houek, Joseph Chester, Jerome Barnes, Robert Fiebelkorn, Ronald Mumaw, Steven Pahos, Raymond Boylan. *Front row*—Ivan Cole, Robert Mayka, Wayne Wesley, Robert Bendfelt, John Smith, James Warren, Thomas Walsh.

## E-MEN'S CLUB

The E-Men's Club is an honorary club. All the boys who have earned a letter in one of the major sports—football, basketball, or track—are automatically members of the club. The

club started the year with the initiation of the new members who had to sweep the gym floor at the half of the varsity basketball games. The club sponsored a dance on March 25.

### Officers and Sponsors

Mr. Gaza, sponsor; Guy Everett, president; Frank Aloia, vice-president; Donald McBride, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Georgakis, sponsor.





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This year a handbook was printed and given to each student at the beginning of the school year. The purpose of the booklet was to acquaint the students, parents, and teachers with the rules and regulations, general organization, curricular offerings, requirements for graduation, and extra-curricular activities of Edison High School.



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D. A. R. CONTESTANT

The senior steering committee selected three candidates for the contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Louise Kurtos, one of the candidates, was chosen by the faculty to represent Edison in the contest. She competed with girls from other high schools in the state on a test given on November 15, 1954.



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November 17 was a very busy day for the *Edisonian staff*. Since that was the day that most of the pictures were taken for the yearbook, quite a bit of "chasing around" was done by the staff as well as Miss Hartley and the photographer. Since the P.A. system was out of order, each room had to be notified individually for every picture that was taken. This task was taken care of by the staff; needless to say, the running up and down the stairs produced quite a few stiff and sore muscles. This was just one of the many, many days of hard work which was necessary to bring the 1955 *Edisonian* through to completion.

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**MARCH OF DIMES CONTESTANT**

This year, Olivia Parker entered a nation-wide March of Dimes Editorial Contest for high school editors and editorial writers, which was sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Her editorial entitled "Polio, the Cloud," was published in the January 28 issue of *Eagle Feathers* and then was sent to the Public Relations Department of the Foundation.



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We should like sincerely to thank everyone who has helped to make our success a possibility.

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